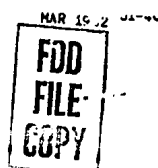


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BULGARIAN UKASE ON SEAMEN'S PASSPORTS

On the basis of Article 35, Item 5, of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and of Article 5, subparagraph "a," of the Law on the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the Presidium issues the following Ukase on Seamen's Passports and Seamen's Passbooks:

1. Bulgarian seamen establish their identity during the period of their service aboard ship abroad or within the limits of Bulgaria by means of seamen's passports or seamen's passbooks.

I. Seamen's Passports

2. The seaman's passport gives its owner the right to cross the country's borders when he is a member of the crew of a ship plying foreign waters and is registered on the crew list.

3. Seamen's passports are issued only to the following: Bulgarian citizens who are crew members of a ship plying foreign waters or of fishing boats plying extraterritorial waters, students, probationary seamen from educational institutions, probationary skippers and mechanics, navigation and ship's mechanic instructors, instructor skippers, instructor senior mechanics, scientific workers, and others.

4. The passports of seamen on non-self-propelled vessels plying the Danube also list members of seamen's families (spouse and children under 16) and other accompanying persons who have permission to live and travel on these same vessels.

5. Seamen's passports are issued by port control inspectorates at the request of the steamship line, enterprise, or service to which the given ships belong.

6. The seaman's passport is issued on presentation of a regular personal passport. On issuance of a seaman's passport, the chief of the port control inspectorate retains the seaman's personal passport.

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7. A seaman's passport is issued for a period of 3 years. This period may be extended twice, each time for one year, by port control inspectorates or Bulgarian consuls. In the latter case, the consul is obliged to inform the port control inspectorate that issued the seaman's passport.

8. The seaman's passport contains the following information in the Bulgarian, English, and German languages:

- a. First name, patronymic, and surname
- b. Day, month, year, and place of birth
- c. Citizenship
- d. Period of validity of the seaman's passport
- e. Date, place, and by whom passport is issued
- f. Accompanying family members
- g. Certificate extending period of validity of seaman's passport
- h. Certificate amending duty status of the seaman

During a voyage seamen's passports are given over to the ship's captain for safekeeping.

During periods when the ship is in a Bulgarian or foreign port, seamen's passports are given over to their owners.

9. Every seaman possessing a seaman's passport is obliged to surrender it to the ship's captain on leaving the service of a ship plying foreign waters. His personal passport is returned to him by the appropriate port control inspectorate after receipt of his seaman's passport and after his name has been struck from the crew list.

II. Seamen's Passbooks

10. Crew members of ships plying local waters are provided with seamen's passbooks.

11. Seamen's passbooks are issued by port control inspectorates.

General and Transitional Regulations

12. Within 6 months from the time this ukase becomes effective, all seamen's passbooks and accreditations issued previously to seamen will be exchanged for seamen's passports or seamen's passbooks.

13. Violations of the directions of this ukase are punishable by fines up to 400 leva, provided a more serious crime has not been committed.

Violations must be attested to by a certificate, drawn up by the organs of port control, on the basis of which the chiefs of the appropriate port control inspectorates will issue disciplinary orders levying fines.

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A disciplinary order can be appealed under the terms of Chapter XXVIII of the Penal-Legal Code.

14. Details in the application of this ukase will be established by a ruling approved by the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Execution of this ukase is delegated to the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Internal Affairs.

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